UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA COURT FILE NO.: CV-

GEORGE M. SPRINGER,

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Plaintiff, : <u>COMPLAINT</u>

VS.

:

UNITED COLLECTIONS BUREAU, INC. :

:

Defendant.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

- 1. Plaintiff seeks relief pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. §1692, et. seq.
- 2. The Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k, 28 U.S.C. §1331.
- 3. Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in Washington County, Pennsylvania.
 - 4. Plaintiff is a consumer within the definition of the FDCPA.
 - 5. Defendant holds itself out to the public as a collection agency.
 - 6. Defendant is a debt collector within the definition of the FDCPA.
 - 7. Defendant's collection efforts took place within the past year.
- 8. The Plaintiff gave the Defendant the name and number of the attorney that was representing him in connection with the alleged debt Defendant was attempting to collect.
- 9. The Defendant told the Plaintiff, "[I] f you can afford an attorney, than you should pay your bills."
 - 10. The Defendant continued to contact he Plaintiff directly.

- 11. The Defendant contacted the Plaintiff at work after being told not to.
- 12. On or about September 12, 2007, the Plaintiff received a call from Defendant's agent/employee, "Amanda."
 - 13. Amanda threatened to garnish the Plaintiff's wages.
 - 14. Amanda threatened to seize the Plaintiff's bank account.
 - 15. Amanda told the Plaintiff, "[L]earn to pay your debts."

FIRST COUNT

- 16. In Defendant's collection efforts, defendant violated the FDCPA, *Inter alia*, §1692c(a)(1), 1692c(a)(2), 1692d, 1692e, 1692e(4), 1692e(5), 1692e(10) and 1692f.
- 13. As a result of defendant's illegal collection activities, plaintiffs suffered emotional distress, as well as unjustified invasions of personal privacy.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests this Court to:

- A. Award plaintiff such damages as permitted by law, including statutory and actual damages; and
 - B. Award plaintiff the costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

Date: September 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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